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DISCOVERY OF ZINC ORES. In a Portion of Monroe, Marion and Ralls Counties, Mo.

The accidental discovery of particles of zinc blend, by Hat Green, in his paint mine near Monroe City, Mo., about three years ago, has caused much comment, and it was the exhibit of these few "shines" that first attracted the attention of the writer, who has spent some years in the mining districts of Colorado and Montana, where he picked up some ideas of prospecting for mineral, and learned how the strata of rock are penetrated and the wonderful deposits of nature made available for the use of man.

About the first of last November in company with Mr. N. P. Rodgers I commenced, and almost continuously have put in the time prospecting for surface indications of zinc and lead and have pretty thoroughly looked over the surface of an area of country some 12 to 15 miles in almost every direction from Monroe City, which appears to be the center of the mineral district, if we may conclude that there is a mineral or zinc belt in Northeast Mo. the existence of which has been denied by learned Geologists, who have visited this part of the state, for the purpose of making a scientific report, as to the possibilities of this as a mineral bearing region.

We can only say, that we have found zinc near the surface, disseminated in the folded and crumpled and shattered country rocks in more than fifty different places scattered over this territory. We find the rocks in some districts to show great caves which appear to have been the work of erosion, and in many small pockets or eroded cavities we find associated with Calcite, "Tiff", Marcasite, "white Iron Pyrites", "Mundic", Dolomite and Quarzite, Chert and soap stone. None of these minerals appear to be accompanied by either carbonates or silicate ores, but what we have found appears to be uniform in character, a dark resin Jack.

We are not in any sense acquainted with zinc mining, and fully appreciate our shortage of a knowledge of Geology as a distinctive and most valuable science, we are very slow to admit that some of the theories promulgated to account for observed phenomena, are not antagonistic to both analogy and evidence afforded by the phenomena themselves. It teaches, however, that our earth is amazingly old; that preceding the advent of man it was the habitation of many classes of creatures, which swarmed both sea and land, and that there was a prodigious growth of vegetation.

The remaining fossils of this organic life serve as records to show the order of their being and permit of classification of the rocks according to the dates of their creation, whereby it is seen that they are arranged in chronological order—the oldest lying at the bottom and the newest at the top of the geolog-

ical record. The more extensive mountain ranges and Peaks are by no means the oldest. The Alleghany mountains existed long before the "Rockies" appeared. We notice that the ore bearing rocks in a portion of this new mineral district belong to the Silurian and the remainder of the formation belongs to the Sub carboniferous or the same as the Joplin zinc age.

What this new mineral belt may show after being probed with the prospectors drill we are not able to say, our idea is, that pay mineral is "just where you find it" and that where there is so much smoke there is liable to be some fire, Geology to the contrary notwithstanding.

Respectfully,

J. M. JOHNSON.

Hip, Hip and a Tiger.

A Committee from Joanna met the Ralls County Court Monday and the result of the meeting is this: The Court has agreed to pay one half of the Cost of a bridge across Salt River at Joanna if the farmers will raise the other half. The farmers are given until the 18th inst. to make answer. We are satisfied that the farmers of Saline will strike while the iron is hot for it means money and convenience to them. The bridge will enhance the value of their farms from \$3 to \$5 per acre, it means a gravel road on both sides of the river, it means prosperity to them, for then they can reach the markets on both sides of the river when their stock is ready and prices suits them, it also means a saving of time, at some seasons time is money to the farmer.

This is the first opportunity the west end of the County has ever had to secure a bridge and unless taken advantage of may be the last for thirty years.

We believe that pride coupled with self interests will prompt the people to meet the generous proposition made by the Court.

Wade-Jackson.

Gardner Wade, one of Monroe's best young business men and Miss Nellie, the charming daughter of W. R. P. Jackson and wife were united in marriage at 7 a. m. at the home of the brides parents by Rev. J. A. Walles, on Tuesday. It was a very quiet affair, only the immediate families being present. After the ceremony a delightful wedding breakfast was served. The happy couple took the 8:48 Burlington for Kansas City. While waiting for the train their tormentors with rice and old shoes had their sport. Of course their trunk was beautifully decorated. The DEMOCRAT extends congratulations.

Swearingen-Ellington.

Mart Swearingen and Miss Maude Ellington were united in marriage at the home of the brides parents near Warren Tuesday. We could learn none of the particulars.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

The First Day Was Spent Getting Started.

Credential Committee was tied up for ten hours but everything was settled and running smooth at press time. Chairman W. S. Cowherd delivered a telling speech after which the committees were named.

The following order of business was then adopted:

First—Report of committee on credentials.

Second—Report of committee on permanent organization and order of business.

Third—Report of committee on resolutions.

Fourth—Nominations for state officers as follows: Governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor, attorney general, treasurer, railroad commissioner.

Fifth—Nominations for two electors-at-large.

Sixth—Naming of district electors.

Seventh—Naming chairman of state committee.

Eighth—Naming of state committee.

The nominating for auditor was placed before that of attorney general so that a nomination for which there was a contest and one for which there was none might alternate.

After that everything was so unsatisfactory that a concise report of the meeting could not be given.

Democratic Ticket Nominated. Monroe City Democrat Special.

Kansas City, Mo., June 6, 5:50 p. m.—The ticket is Dockery, Lee, Cook, Williams, Allen and Crow. Nominating Railroad Commissioner.

Missouri and Missourians.

An anti-weed campaign has been inaugurated in Sedalia by the Democrat.

Dr. Son, the balance of whose name is not stated, is running for coroner in Cole county.

"Trap parties" are all the rage at Carthage. There are plenty of traps for the youth in Carthage.

The small boy who toys with the muzzle of an unloaded gun was last seen at Brunswick.

A dying counterfeiting at Sedalia confessed, and surrendered his bogus coin just before he passed in his checks.

Society note in the Carthage Review "The Bonus Temple Club will give a hay seed party at Gun Springs Wednesday.

In the judgment of the Booneville Advertiser, Joe Flory's declaration in favor of national woman's suffrage settles Joe.

So many blunders were committed by the Pettis county republican convention that the Sedalia Capital head it, "A Comedy of errors."

Had Senators Vest and Cockrell needed anything to strengthen their hold on the people of Missouri that \$5,000,000 fair centennial appropriation would have done the business.

It is of Interest to You.



FEW words about Wall Paper and Paints.

Wall Paper—We can cheerfully say that we have the most beautiful line, we have ever had before and the largest stock in Northeast Missouri. Our line comprises the choice patterns from twenty-five of the largest factories in the United States.

We would be pleased to have you look at our line whether you buy or not as we feel sure we can please you.

Our stock of Paints is complete—We would like to ask, does it ever occur to you that all paints are alike and one paint is just as good as another?

We will say that our experience teaches us to know positively that there is as much fraud in paint or more so, than any other article of commerce on the market. Therefore, realizing the expense of paint and painting, we warn you to use the best judgement in your selection of paint. We have made a study of paints for the past few years and find that only lead, oil and zinc should be used to paint houses with. The markets are flooded with patent or chemical paints, each advertising extensively and all claiming superiority, and our advice is to use lead, oil and zinc. We have it ready mixed, called the Monarch Mixed House Paint, and we ourselves guarantee it to be pure lead, oil and zinc and will give \$100.00 reward for any adulterations found in this paint.

Our prescription department, under the management of Geo. W. Tompkins is equal to any in the state and we assure you that prescriptions intrusted to our care will have prompt attention and compounded with the purest and best drugs obtainable.

We attribute our success in business, by giving you the best goods for the least money. When we came here ten years ago, we had little experience in business and with little capital, we realized we had old houses as competitors, long in business, we thought best to do business on a small profit and to give the best goods on the market for the least money and by so doing our trade has gradually increased and to-day we have as complete a drug store as can be found anywhere.

We especially invite you to make our Big Store your headquarters and prompt and polite attention will be given your every want.

Yours very truly,

RANEY & SAUNDERS.

THE DRUG STORE,

1st door south of the p. o.